

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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USC&A offers many opportunities for students to participate in community service. Programs are offered through the year, and service organizations are always active. The opportunities available to you include:

STUDENT ORGANIZATION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR (SOVO)

Meet representatives from student organizations and community nonprofits in the Siegel Center. This annual event occurs each fall shortly after the start of classes. The SOVO Fair is an excellent outlet to meet people and become involved!

INTO THE STREETS SERVICE PLUNGE

Take advantage of this opportunity to spend a day giving back to the local Richmond community. The participants will meet new people, volunteer for approximately 4 hours and share reflections about the day. The projects may include painting, planting a garden or working with kids.

WEEKEND WITH HABITAT

Grab a hammer and sign up for one or both days of fun and meaningful service. Students can learn new skills or use old ones to help build a home for a local family in need. VCU partners with Richmond Habitat for Humanity for this popular project.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

This outreach program targets nonprofit organizations that need assistance with special projects. It is a day for students who are devoted to service to provide 3 hours of volunteer manpower to one organization.

RICHMOND EVENTS

Students can volunteer at traditional Richmond Events such as the SunTrust Marathon in November or the Monument 10K in March. Come out and volunteer while enjoying these traditional Richmond Events.

BUILD-A-BED WORKSHOPS

Help the homeless in Richmond by giving a few minutes of your time. Check our Web site for event dates and stop by the tent on the Commons Plaza to help repair cots that are used by the homeless during the winter.

VOLUNTEERING 101 WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Learn the basics of volunteering with Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity. After a brief safety orientation on campus, you will be qualified to build!

A FEW NONPROFITS BENEFITTING FROM VCU STUDENT VOLUNTEERS:

Richmond
Metropolitan Habitat
for Humanity

Central Virginia
Foodbank

Children's Museum of
Richmond

ElderHomes, Inc.

Big Brothers/Big
Sisters of Richmond

VCU Health Systems

VCU Massey Cancer
Center

Carver Promise

Circle Center Adult
Day Care Services

Fan Free Clinic

Hospital Hospitality
House

James River Park

Richmond
Sportsbackers

Congregations Around
Richmond Assuring
Shelter

Richmond Chapter
of the American Red
Cross

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WHAT THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES STAFF CAN DO FOR YOU:

- » We plan and organize the volunteer programs, including providing transportation and snacks, and work closely with programs run by student organizations.
- » We provide a volunteer resource center for information on local nonprofit agencies and community service projects.
- » We maintain an on-line directory of service opportunities.
- » Our staff will provide a personal consultation with suggestions for volunteer opportunities that meet your needs.
- » We recognize our individual and organization volunteers each year with a special program in the spring!

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Many of our student organizations have missions based on service or have service as a component of their activities. Organizations that focus exclusively on community service include:

Alpha Phi Omega (APO)
Alternative Spring Break (ASB)
Circle K (Sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs)
Habitat for Humanity
National Student Partnership (NSP)
Operation Smile at VCU
Powerful Beyond Measure (PBM)
Project Lifeline

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

For more information on Volunteer Opportunities:

Call us: (804) 828-3648
Visit us: Student Commons Room 018
Online: www.usca.vcu.edu/volunteer

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